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# Agreement

## Utah Electronic Filing Software Partner

**TC-87** 

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Due: Oct. 30, 2015

An authorized representative of your software company must complete and sign this agreement before the Tax Commission will certify your software products to transmit Utah tax returns for the coming tax year. You must submit a separate agreement for each product with a unique ETIN.

Company/Product Information					
Company name		Product name			
Address			State	ZIP Code	
Primary contact name		Phone	Fax	Fax	
Email address		FEIN	ETIN	ETIN	
Software Product(s)					
Check all that apply:					
☐ Consumer Product (Web based)	☐ Paid Prepa	rer Product (Web based)			
☐ Consumer Product (Desktop)	☐ Paid Preparer Product (Desktop)				
Tax Form(s)					
Check all the tax forms you will be certifying:					
☐ TC-20, Corporation Franchise or Incor	☐ TC-547, Individual	☐ TC-547, Individual Income Tax Return Payment Coupon			
☐ TC-20S, S Corporation Return		☐ TC-548, Fiduciary Income Tax Prepayment Coupon			
☐ TC-40, Individual Income Tax Return		☐ TC-549, Fiduciary Income Tax Return Payment Coupon			
☐ TC-41, Fiduciary Income Tax Return		☐ TC-559, Corporate/Partnership Payment Coupon			
☐ TC-65, Partnership/Limited Liability Co	ompany Return				
Requirements					
Certification					
You must abide by the following testing time line	e:				

- 1. MeF testing begins on the date the IRS starts accepting MeF tests.
- 2. We will provide test scenarios.
- 3. You must produce test returns using the information in the scenarios.
- 4. We will provide feedback for incorrect items.

#### **Software Capabilities**

You must agree to the Tax Commission's limited exceptions and report them when you register. Exceptions are limited to:

- 1. Choosing to support only returns from paid professionals or consumers or both.
- 2. Choosing to support both linked and unlinked returns or only linked returns.

## **General Responsibilities**

You must:

- 1. Keep for one year customer data such as payment data (e.g., bank account information), addresses, account information and IP addresses that could verify fraudulent returns.
- 2. Adhere to IRS e-file Security, Privacy and Business Standards effective Jan. 1, 2010.
- 3. Support the Tax Commission in taxpayer communications.

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You must help the Tax Commission prevent tax fraud. To do this you must:

- 1. Not provide refund anticipation loans.
- 2. Provide ABA numbers if you partner with a prepaid debit card company.
- 3. Not partner with non-banking entities to provide refunds (e.g. Amazon).
- 4. Provide any other business details that could help the Tax Commission identify tax fraud.

### **Identity Theft**

You must help the Tax Commission prevent identity theft. To do this you must conduct Self Assessment using NIST 800-53. Please note:

- 1. You must be in full compliance with NIST 800-53 within three years of the date you originally signed an Electronic Filing Software Partner agreement with Utah.
- 2. You must name a risk officer who can communicate with our risk team.
- 3. The Tax Commission's security contact is Bobette Phillips (801-297-3831, bphillips@utah.gov).

#### **Detection and Disclosure of Suspicious Activity**

You may use any tax return information you receive from a filer (whether regarding the current year or prior years) to identify a suspicious or potentially fraudulent return.

You must produce analytical compilations of tax return and submission information, including compilations to identify potentially fraudulent behaviors or patterns. Include any tax return information provided by tax filers in the analytical compilations.

On at least a weekly basis you must disclose the tax return information compilations to the Tax Commission through a secure data transmission. Identify any tax filer whose return you believe is potentially fraudulent.

Also, you must fully disclose a tax filer's return information to the Tax Commission if, by data mining an analytic compilation, you have a bona fide belief that the filer's activity violated criminal law.

#### Restrictions

#### **Software Release**

You may not advertise our acceptance of your software and not accept Tax Commission returns until certification is complete.

You must not process any Utah tax returns until you have completed the Self Assessment.

#### Decertification

We reserve the right to decertify a software partner and refuse any additional returns from that partner. If we decertify your product, within 48 hours you must remove references to your product's ability to service Utah taxes from all public materials. You must also provide immediate notice to any clients in the process of filing with the Tax Commission.

#### **Paper Checks**

We reserve the right to send a paper check for any refund request.

## Signature

By signing this agreement, you agree to all the requirements and restrictions listed above.				
Signature of Authorized Representative	Title	Date		
Print Name		Date Assessment Completed (or will be completed)		
Name of Risk Officer	Email Address	Phone Number		

NOTE: We will NOT certify software for the 2015 tax year unless we receive a completed and signed agreement by Oct. 30, 2015.

→ Email this agreement to: mef@utah.gov